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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1908.

AN apt illustration of the difficulty, or rather impossibility, of making a hard and fast constitution which would last through all time, and need no amendment, was afforded in the written Constitution of the Great Republic. There was nothing in the instrument on which its authors prided themselves so much as on the provisions made for the quadrennial election of their President, without on each occasion plunging the country into what, to many minds, seemed to be the throes of a semi-revolution. In order to avoid this danger, which in the eyes of the framers loomed large, it was determined that the election of the Chief Magistrate should be taken altogether out of the hands of the commonalty, and placed in those of a witenagemot dominated by the "Electoral College." These wise men, who were, it was presumed, to be above all mere party consideration, and intent only on making choice of the ideally best individual for the weighty post of Chief of the new nation, were to meet at a stated period, and then and there after due discussion elect the President. Each member was to write the name of his choice, on a slip of paper, which he was to seal up; and these votes were to be transmitted to the president of the Senate, who was to open them in the presence of both Houses; and the individual with most votes was to be for him declared President. The device spoke more for the heart than for the head of the constitution makers, who, thoroughly honest themselves, believed that future politicians would have

no thoughts beyond the good of the country. The natural result, allowing for the instinctive weakness of ordinary humanity, followed; the witenagemot, when put to the test of their very first election proved to be merely a congregation of delegates wherein each elector was pledged to support a particular candidate for the Presidential chair. Logically some method was needed for fixing on the name, or names, of candidate likely to be acceptable, and for this unexpected necessity no provision had been made, so the practice grew up that each party that thought itself strong enough, or had money enough to bear the expense, elected a party Convention, and at this convention the party after much discussion, often heated, finally selected the individual to be put forward as its candidate, for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency respectively. This was done before the election of the Electoral College, which soon came, contrary to the desire of the original framers, to be selected by the people at large, so that the struggle became purely a test of the strength of the parties, each elector being pledged to vote for the candidate previously selected by his party. Now, with the hoped for object of giving the College ample time for deliberation, its own election had been fixed some five months in advance of the expiry of the presidential term then current; it was also hoped that the election of the President taking place regularly a month or two in advance of the vacation of the Chair, the incoming and outgoing Presidents would be enabled to confer together regarding the needs of the country; and a continuity of effort and policy from one tenure to another be thus ensured. Naturally, as human nature is constituted, this hope also was shattered. Nothing was less likely in fact than that the nominee of his party come straight from the poll should desire to consult his already effete predecessor, especially if the party had changed, or the "ticket" had been altered.

The consequence accordingly is that there exists a sort of interregnum between the election of the new, and the retirement of the old, during which the country is ruled personally by the President actually in office who occupies the anomalous position for a constitutional ruler of being absolutely without responsibility. It is quite true that his powers are limited by the letter of the Constitution; he cannot declare war, and the Senate will not let him conclude peace, but he can place things in such a position, that one or other may have become a practical necessity by the time he vacates the White House. One of the results of this curious position is that the outgoing President has an opportunity, which he not infrequently takes, of paying off old scores against the Senate or House, whichever may have become obnoxious. Even so capable and congenial a President as Mr. ROOSEVELT has proved himself to be, has found it convenient to take advantage of the opening. With the natural instinct of a born administrator, Mr. Roosevelt during his term of office has been seeking to increase the efficiency of the means in his hand for the prevention of crime; and Congress, with an equally instinctive dread of anything savouring of secrecy or concealment, has been thwarting his efforts at every turn. The subject is always a delicate one, and engaged as he was in the struggle against the too powerful trusts, who have been seriously obstructing a return to better things in the government of the States, Mr. ROOSEVELT found it was wiser for the time being to preserve silence. Having now arrived at the irresponsible period of his tenure of office, when all things are lawful to a departing President, Mr. ROOSEVELT has spoken out. Soft words, says the proverb, butler no parsnips, but on the other hand trenchant words often cut deeply; so Mr. ROOSEVELT has not minced his language. Speaking of the obstructions placed in the way of his proposed strengthening of the confidential detective police at the service of the State he tells Congress plainly that the motive in their objection was not their dislike to a secret police, but the dread that too bright a light might be turned on their own questionable, if not criminal, connection with the trusts. The reception that this statement met with is an indication of what would have occurred while Mr. ROOSEVELT had the role of responsibility impending over him. Disguise it how they may, the best Americans are well aware in their inmost thoughts of the enormous damage that the misuse of accumulated wealth is inflicting, socially and politically, on their country, but few are in a position, and fewer still care to speak out through fear of the unpleasant consequences sure to follow. It is under these conditions that Mr. ROOSEVELT, having left the dread of responsibility behind him, has stepped

forward, and doubtless his country, if for the moment inclined to jab, will in the long run come to be thankful. There are fortuitously signs that both in the United States and in England the present murky atmosphere is beginning to clear, but the ominous display some considerable differences. While Mr. ROOSEVELT does not hesitate to tell unpalatable truths in the full confidence that the nation will one day back him up, an English Prime Minister appears venting his spleen because a country, returning after its late orgies of socialism and disorder has thrown out all his reactionary schemes. In view of the fact that the country, everywhere that it has had the opportunity to declare its opinion, has pronounced against these revolutionary measures, the present persistence in keeping up an unwholesome agitation is inexplicable, except on the supposition that they are to be taken as councils of despair, and deliberately meant, so far as possible, to initiate a contest of classes. Both are, however, suggestive as seeming to indicate a general movement towards a return to wise councils on both sides of the Atlantic, after the political insanities of the last thirty years.

No communicable diseases were reported in Hongkong last week.

The C.N.S. *Tsinan*, according to a telegram dated December 16th from Tokyo to the *N.C. Daily News*, caught fire on her way to Yokohama but was able to regain Kobe in safety.

A great conflagration took place at Soochow outside of the Chwang Men gate on December 15th, when the Ching Lien Kwok, a well-known tea house, and more than a dozen new buildings were burnt to ashes.

Mr. W. T. Gracey, American Consul at Tsingtao, accompanied by Mrs. Gracey, arrived in Shanghai by the P. & O. S. *Delta*. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey have been in America and Europe for the past eight months.

The court martial of Lieutenant Frank Evans, son of "Fighting Bob," the hero of the American Navy, resulted in the young officer being found guilty on a majority of the counts against him. He was sentenced to a loss of 150 numbers—in other words set back for four years.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., Marine Magistrate, fined the masters of two unlicensed junks, \$5 each for failing to carry masthead lights between sunset and sunrise while under way in the harbor.

From the *Broad Arrow* we learn that Commodore Lyon has been appointed a Naval A.D.C. to His Majesty the King in place of Captain E. J. Warre, M.V.O., promoted to flag rank. We extend our congratulations to the new commodore of the Naval Yard in Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th December, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there were 311 to the Library and 164 to the Museum and of Chinese 158 to the Library and 1926 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 469 persons and the Museum by 2,090.

It is stated that the Chinese Government is in hopes of making a start with the re-organization of the navy. It has been arranged that the Board of Finance will be requested to raise ten million taels for the building of dockyards and purchasing of warships and the Province to defray the annual expenses.

In view of the promulgation of a Constitution for China the Government has proposed to fix the annual allowance to the Emperor and instructed the Ministers accredited to the foreign countries to enquire into, and report upon, the law relating to the matter in those countries respectively. The Minister to Japan has already reported by telegram.

No fewer than six police officers were sworn in on Saturday for an additional five years' service. Inspector Withers, who has been over 20 years in the force signed on for his fifth term of five years. Inspectors McHardy and Fenton for their fourth period, and Det. Sgt. Terrett, Sgt. Kent and Sgt. Garrod for their third term. Sgt. James Watt was sworn in a few days ago and entered on his third term.

Major-General W. P. Duvall has been selected to succeed Major-General John F. Weston in command of the troops in the Philippines. General Duvall is assistant chief of staff and in that position probably will be succeeded by General Thomas H. Barry, now in command of the American Army in Cuba. General Weston left the Philippines for home on December 15th and turned over the command to General Tasker H. Bliss, pending General Duvall's arrival.

The Deyan of the Diplomatic Corps at Shanghai has forwarded to the Wai Wun-pa a resolution passed by the foreign merchants in Shanghai that the unrestricted and unregulated issue of bank notes by the Chinese bankers constitutes a serious danger to financial security and that if the Chinese Government would not guarantee the payment of these notes it should at least regulate its issue. The Grand Councilors and the President of the Board of Finance have had a discussion on the question and have come to the decision that the provisions in the new Banking Law relating to bank notes and orders should remain as they are, but that steps should be taken to prevent the unauthorized issue of bank notes.

TELEGRAMS.

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FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Shah's troops have been defeated, and 2,000 casualties are reported.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY HONOURS SIR ROBERT HART.

LONDON, December 21st.

Dublin University has conferred upon Sir Robert Hart the degree of LL.D.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, December 21st.

The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned.

"THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL."

There was another large attendance at the Theatre Royal last night when the Bandmann Comedy Co. staged that romantic comedy, by Baroness Orczy and M. Barstow, "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Mr. Douglas Wigors shone in the title role, while Miss Florence Hamer came up to expectations as the Lady Blakeney, and the other members of the Company gave that co-operation which is necessary to establish success.

THE NEW TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

Yesterday we reported that a man had been found dead in a ditch near Shatin under circumstances which pointed to murder. It now transpires that the deceased and another Indian occupied this ditch, and they were surprised asleep in bed on Friday night by a band of men, about ten in number, entering the ditch. The intruders threw blankets over the sleeping men but the nature of the attack which followed is not clear. At any rate when they decamped with \$250 belonging to one of their victims it was found that one man was dead and the other wounded. It is suspected that the assailants were railway employees, and, as the result of police vigilance, seven men suspected of complicity in the affair have been arrested.

THE KOWLOON DOCK A.D.C.

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Following is the cast for "The Silver King," which the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. intend producing on Saturday, January 8th, and Monday, January 11th:—

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Leaker "A Porter" Mr. D. Brow
Newsboy Mr. R. Stubbs
Nelly Denver "Denver's Wife" Mrs. R. H.
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Isabella Durden Mrs. G. White
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A STUDY IN NATURE.

A French savant has drawn a striking object-lesson from the lower order of creation, which, he says, might teach his countrymen something in regard to their suicidal policy which appears in the registrar's return of population. His investigations show that the leech and the spider produce 107 eggs, the fly 144, the frog 1,000, the shrimp 6,000, the common worm 10,000, and the tick 50,000. Fishes are equally prolific; the perch of 100 grams gives 9,943 eggs, the smelt of centimetres produces 23,111, the herring 36,000, the carp 342,000, the tench 383,000, the sole 1,000,000, the plaice 1,537,000, the roach 1,130,000, the sturgeon 5,000,000, and the cod 9,000,000. The lobster, although it walks backwards, does not lag behind, and, according to some observers, produces 12,900 eggs, while others put the number at 21,000. A Paris contemporary, from which we take the foregoing, asks it because these species are not troubled with the feminism problem that they comport themselves so much better in matters of population?

The Hon. Judge L. R. Wilfley is expected to leave Shanghai for America to-day by the steamer *Manchuria*.

A fire occurred at a rattan shop in Sai Wo Lane, West Point, shortly before eight o'clock last night. The Fire Brigade turned out promptly, and had the fire well under control within an hour.

An Edict renders it the duty of the district magistrates to prevent in future all "squeezes" of the people by the lower officials and the gentry. It explains that since these very district magistrates are in the best position to gain a clear view of the profession which everyone follows and how much he can earn thereby, they are able to proceed against anyone attempting to make money by illegal means.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance at St. Joseph's College yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor presided at the annual prize distribution. The social hall was tastefully decorated with flags. The Governor was accompanied by Captain Simson, A.D.C., and Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary. Among others present were the Rt. Rev. Bishop Foxon, Consul-General Leiria, Rev. E. J. Barnett, Rev. Father Spada and Madame Volpicelli.

Brother CHRISTIAN then read the report as follows:—Before laying before Your Excellency the report for the year, I wish to express the regret all in the College felt at the removal of Brother Sylvester, my predecessor. He was called by his superior to Colombo last March. While here he endeavored himself to all. The duty however of replacing him, was made comparatively easy, through the excellent spirit he had fostered, while in the College. The attendance during the year averaged 336.94, while the number on the roll at present is 430. I must compliment many of our boys on the efforts they make to come to school every day. There are some parents however who are rather careless in insisting on the regular attendance of their sons. Boys who are irregular are a hindrance to the general progress of their class. Besides they cannot be trained in those important habits, which make the successful student or businessman, punctuality and perseverance.

The conduct of the boys in general is all that could be desired. In their dealings both with their teachers, and their companions, they always behave like young gentlemen. In this respect the boarders deserve special commendation.

The weekly reports still continue to be an excellent stimulus to our boys. Many parents take great interest in them, and sign them regularly. These, and the monthly examinations give an ample opportunity for constant and thorough work. I beg to remind those parents who are careless about signing the reports that we expect them to aid in the education of their children in this way.

Every means should be taken to encourage regular daily work.

The special subjects taught in the College continue to make steady progress. In the shorthand examinations which were held under the management of the local shorthand committee we obtained the following results: Nine boys got 3rd grade certificates; six obtained 2nd grade certificates and three obtained 1st class certificates. C. Sequeira and F. O'neir were awarded 1st class certificates for 100 words per minute in addition to a full certificate of proficiency. E. Marques also obtained a full certificate of proficiency and a 1st class certificate for 80 words a minute. At present about 30 boys follow the shorthand and typewriting classes. Our last Oxford results were very encouraging. Six seniors were presented for the examination and all passed, F. Lopez getting distinction in Spanish. Twelve juniors sat for the examination and nine passed, J. Thuan and E. Marques getting distinction in religious knowledge. Sixteen preliminary boys were presented and all passed; the total number of passes being 31. Ten of our boys entered for the local shield competition in hygiene, but we have not yet received the result. As a means of encouraging the study of English we tried an elocutionary contest for a gold medal this year. I must say the boys took much interest in it. In fact their efforts were much appreciated by a large audience of kind friends and patrons. A special word of thanks is due to the judges—Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General for U. S. A., Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul-General for Portugal and Brazil; and Mr. G. T. Lloyd, editor *South China Morning Post*. Those gentlemen generously volunteered to give a medal to the second boy. A library of interesting and instructive literature has been opened in connection with the Oxford class, and we note with pleasure that our boys derive great profit from it. Any little contribution from our generous friends will be thankfully received. The Chinese department of the College is becoming more efficient.

The boys who enter under 10 take up a very good English tone. But those who begin the study of English over 14 rarely acquire a correct English accent. Some boys in this department are very irregular. Their parents seem to keep them at home for the most futile pretences. Three of the boys who passed the late Oxford examination were Chinese, but it should be remembered that these boys began English in the first Standard. Our boys continue to take a lively interest in football. We have entered two teams for the shield competition this year but as they are allowed the use of the playground at Causeway Bay for only a few hours a week, much cannot be expected from them. Now-a-days outdoor games are essential to every well-equipped college. At present we have only one small yard for play, where the boys have hardly standing room. Of course our position is such that we cannot expect a large cricket field. But I believe that a very good tennis court could be made by walling in and levelling the garden in front of the College. This would cost a considerable sum, but, no doubt, many of our generous old boys and kind patrons would come to our aid.

The Inspector of Schools' Report was as follows:—

Staff.—Bro. Christian, 11 Assistant Masters and one Chinese Assistant Teacher.

Discipline and Organization.—Very good.

Sanitation.—Very satisfactory.

Floor Space.—Sufficient for 522 boys.

Apparatus.—Very satisfactory.

English Reading.—Good on the whole.

Standard VI very good.

Composition.—Good to fair. Poor in I. The essays in VII Junior were not quite up to the usual standard. In Standards V and VI essays should be done and not merely the

reproduction of stories. The pupils in the upper standards have not a great stock of ideas on general subjects for essays.

Dictation.—Good.

Grammar.—Good on the whole. In Standard IV passing was faulty and in VI it was done in a somewhat slovenly manner. In this Standard too the spelling of grammatical terms was very poor.

Geography.—Good. Standard V might have done better if the questions set had been more carefully studied.

History.—Good. A noticeable feature in all the papers was the absence of dates. Had dates been given even to a limited extent the percentage of marks would have been very much higher. In Standard V the difference between the good and poor papers is so marked that it seems difficult to believe that all the pupils in this class received the same instruction. Arithmetic.—Very good in I, IV, VI and VII Senior. Good in III and V, and fair only in II and VII Junior.

Algebra.—Fair in Standard V. The problems were weak. Standard VI very good. Standard VII Junior poor; 39 per cent. Senior very fair 57 per cent. Standard VII Junior was also weak in the problems.

Geometry.—Standard VI fair. VII Junior fair. Senior good.

Geometrical Drawing.—Standard V only, poor. Marks were lost as no boy attempted question 5, an easy question. Full marks were given for 5/6 of the paper. Several boys failed to score any marks.

Book-keeping.—Very good. Standard VII Senior and Junior.

Literature.—Standard VI and VII Senior and Junior. Standard VI good on the whole. Standard VII fair.

CHINESE DIVISION.—(Three standards in all).

English-reading.—Good in Standard I and II, fair in III. The pronunciation of many of the pupils was defective.

Colloquial.—Good to fair.

Composition.—Fair.

Dictation.—Good in Standard I, poor in II, and very good in III. The handwriting was neat.

Grammar.—Good in II, and fair in III.

Geography.—Good.

Arithmetic.—Very good in I, very fair in II and excellent 99 per cent. in III.

Chinese-Reading.—Good except in II where there were too many pupils who could not read at all.

Composition.—Good on the whole. Class I should do sentence building, II question and answer, and III a letter.

The standard of Chinese class III is not very high. (It corresponds with the IV class of 6 classes, Class I being the highest at the Ellis Kadocrie school.) The pupils should be divided up into separate Chinese classes according to their merits. At present the English and Chinese classes are the same. This system naturally tends to keep smart boys back. Grant.—Some subjects show a slight falling off since last year. The general standard of the work however is good. I therefore again return the school as "thoroughly efficient" and recommend full grant. 35).

In conclusion, Brother CHRISTIAN said:—I beg to present my grateful thanks to the following gentlemen for their generous contributions to our prize fund:—Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General for U.S.A., Consul-General J. J. Leiria, Mr. Gonzales de Bernedo, Consul for Chili, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, manager Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Percy Smith, Mr. Ho Tung, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Francisco Tas Yat, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Mr. J. Machado, Mr. Ellis Kadocrie, Catholic Union for their prize of \$25 for the best paper in Religious Knowledge, Mr. Bellifors for the scholarship of \$25 for the best paper in English, Mr. Shing Kee and Mr. S. Kingsbury.

The following were awarded Oxford certificates of the grades mentioned:—

Preliminary.—D. Rosario, M. Gochico, L. Gochico, L. Robat, H. Barrenegoa, V. Guterres, E. Baptista, A. Silberman, C. Gardner, F. Goke, Cheung Kai, J. Rodrigues, T. Carvalho, R. Luz, Y. Yvanovich, Yau Loy.

Junior.—P. Prevost, J. Thuan, (distinction religious knowledge), M. Biard, J. Silva, I. Mayer, J. Asensio, R. Elias, F. Tavares, E. Marques (distinction religious knowledge).

Senior.—C. Sequeira, F. Lopez, (distinction Spanish), H. Baste, P. O'Brien, J. Ezra, M. Sternberg.

HIS EXCELLENCY, who on rising was received with cheers, said:—My Lord Bishop, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I had the pleasure and privilege last year of distributing the prizes here I was able to congratulate the masters and the boys on a very distinct and marked progress. I am very glad to be able to say this year that I can congratulate you on an even more marked progress than last year, both in attendance and in the results of the Oxford Local Examinations. The average daily attendance last year was 299; this year it is 337, which is a very creditable proportion of the total maximum enrolment. In the matter of the Oxford Local Examination, we have just heard from the Reverend Director that this year six pupils passed in the senior, one with distinction, as against only two last year; and that nine passed in the junior division, two with distinction, as against only seven last year. Those are results which you may be very proud of, and if, as I hope it will be the case, the scheme for a university in Hongkong should fructify and mature during the coming year, it is clear that this college will have many pupils who will be qualified to enter as undergraduates. I am glad to see that you still pay special attention to shorthand and typewriting, and that you have also a class for elocution. These are all exceedingly useful and valuable subjects of practical use in whatever sphere of life boys may enter after leaving school. The school is returned again as thoroughly efficient, with the maximum possible grant. During the past year

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908. [1662]

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In the Schaepp oxy-gas welding process is used a special burner, in which a blast of air at a pressure of 15 pounds per square inch is combined with coal gas, and which has a second blast from which, air at 30 to 50 pounds per square inch can be turned on when the flame has been regulated. The combination at once raises the heat to about 4500 deg. F. In this hot flame metals are welded with remarkable facility, and pieces of cast-iron joined together prove to be stronger at the joint than on either side of it. Why a gas flame with two blasts of unequal velocity should have the observed effects on metals is not yet explained. In place of coal gas, acetylene, naphtha and hydrogen have given equally good results, and natural and producer gas would probably serve quite as well.

The pollution of streams by factory waste is being shown by the investigations of the United States Geological Survey to be unjustified. The experiments prove that the sewage can be purified at moderate cost, and that the valuable materials recovered may make good this expense, while in some cases there should be a good profit, as in the recovery of wool fat and potash from wool-scouring liquor.

Baths of oxygen, in which the patient half reclines for 10 to 25 minutes, are being employed by Dr. Oskar Frankl, a German physician, for female nervous troubles associated with increased pulse tension. From 25 to 30 quarts of oxygen are generated each time. The baths reduce the excessive blood pressure and exert a sedative action, each bath having been followed by quiet sleep in a severe case of sleeplessness.

The novel process of "lifting" in granite quarrying seems to have effected a considerable revolution in an ancient industry, greatly reducing work and expense. In some localities, like Mt. Airy in North Carolina, large masses of rock are solid and homogeneous, practically free from joint cracks and bedding planes, and can be split readily in a straight line in any direction. At such places it is practicable to separate immense horizontal sheets, several acres in extent and of any desired thickness, to be drilled and split subsequently into the required sizes. A hole is first drilled to a depth corresponding to the thickness wanted—say, six or eight feet and a pocket is formed at the bottom by exploding a little dynamite, after which successive and increasing charges of powder are used to start a horizontal crack and extend it 75 or 100 feet in all directions. Compressed air, at a pressure of 70 to 80 pounds is then forced into the hole, enlarging the crack further until it becomes visible on the hillside. At the Mt. Airy quarries, two water-tube boilers, each of 210 horse-power, furnish steam for the compressor, which can deliver 2,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the six-inch pipes, driving the pneumatic tools as well as "lifting" the sheets of granite.

A mixture of sulphuric ether, denatured alcohol, benzine, gutta serena, glycerine and amyl acetate is used by H. Dugour, of Paris, for impregnating cloth, paper, wood, etc., and is claimed to strengthen and preserve the materials in addition to making them waterproof and washable. For washable wall coverings the composition is mixed with an adhesive mordant and powdered pigment before applying to the paper.

The artificial butter of A. M. Sorensen, of Hojeler, Denmark, is made by stirring coconut fat with a little salt and sugar at about 20 degrees C., then cooling and kneading, with milk containing lactic acid bacteria, yolk of egg, and a coloring substance.

The immersion in oil of the working parts of machinery has produced quite remarkable results. W. Worby Beaumont, at the recent meeting of the British Association, pointed out that, since the advent of the motor car, the size of gearwheels has been reduced to one-tenth of that formerly considered necessary to transmit the power, and there has been extraordinary increase in endurance. While the special materials used are entitled to some credit, the bath lubrication has been the chief agent in improvement. The oil film taken up actually prevents two teeth from coming in contact, and cars taken to pieces after running 150,000 miles have shown not a working part touched, the teeth being no more worn than if they had been used but five minutes. The new method has been equally effective on other parts besides the gears.

The new glass of Karl Fischer, of Salzburg, Upper Bavaria, is claimed to reproduce the beautiful velvety gloss which has made notable certain Roman ware. It has been supposed that the ancient workmen used a fusible glaze containing lead, boric acid, silica, etc., but experiments with these materials have given no satisfactory results. A clay sludge is applied by Mr. Fischer to the ware after the first baking. The surface is polished, the ware being then fired, and the long-sought gloss is brought out. Interesting work with the new process will be done at the German emperor's private pottery.

The new eye-glass, or "periscope" of Com-mandant Soule de Cenac, of the French Legion of Honour, serves the usual purpose of correcting myopia and other defects of vision, and in addition, by ingenious use of reflections, gives views at the side and behind. It has proven unexpectedly valuable to the deaf by warning them of dangers that other people detect by hearing.

VINTAGE REPORT FOR 1908.

Mosca, Cutler, Palmer & Co. the well-known wine and spirit merchants of London and India make the following observations in their annual Vintage Report for the year just terminating—

FRANCE.
Bordeaux.—The flowering took place under very favourable conditions, the weather remaining fine for practically the whole summer. We have reason to hope that some good wines will be made. The "oidium" which prevailed in the Spring has been checked all over, and as a consequence 1908's will be better than will be anticipated. 1907's have developed very well and are now nice light and bouquet wines, while 1905's have become quite remarkable, and are in good condition for immediate bottling.

Burgundy.—The weather was somewhat unfavourable in the early spring and the few wines made early in September will taste green, but thanks to the warm weather at the end of the vintage those made later will be superior to the 1907's. The yield is, however, one-quarter less than the average.

Champagne.—The cryptogamic maladies, and particularly the mildew which this year has made great ravages in the Champagne vineyards, have resulted in the destruction of the vintage which may therefore be put down as small, there is, however, abundance of supplies of the 1904 and 1905 vintages on the market.

Saumur.—The year has not proved a very successful one, either in quality or quantity, and will not be quoted by shippers as a vintage, the spring frosts materially checked the proper development of the vines and the yield has proved disappointing.

Cognac.—The abnormal weather conditions which reigned during the spring and the first part of the summer considerably reduced the number of grapes, but the later warm weather had a very favourable influence on the crop, and although the quantity is very small, inferior to half of an ordinary crop, the quality is most excellent.

GERMANY.
The 1908 vintage was not turned out so badly as at first expected as the warm weather that prevailed towards the end of the vintage did wonders. The quality will be rather better than medium and the quantity above expectation.

PORTUGAL.
The gathering took place in admirable weather, which continued during the whole of the vintage operations, and as a result the wines of 1908 are expected to be exceedingly fine. As regards the quantity of the vintage the yield is about 10 per cent. higher than that of 1907.

SPAIN.
Sherry.—The yield may be considered satisfactory as regards quantity, and the result may be estimated at an increase of 33 per cent. on last year's crop. The "musts" are in most cases less rich in Saccharine than past years, and the vintage will develop into light fine wines, rather than full bodied ones.

Spanish Port or "Tarragona."—An exceptionally cold spring retarded the growth of the vines, but the warm summer weather prevented any great damage, and, though the quantity of the yield is distinctly less than that of last year, this is amply compensated for by the excellence of the quality.

MADEIRA.
The vintage this year, though excellent in quality, is rather deficient in quantity.

SICILY.
Marsala.—Owing to the lack of rain the grapes did not ripen properly, and it is calculated that the production of wine will be quite one-third less than last year, the quality being but moderate.

ITALY.
The weather throughout Italy during the year having been fine and favourable to the vines, and there being an absence of disease of any kind, the result has been both good as regards quality and quantity.

DEATH OF THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS.

The Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, the uncle of the present Tsar and the brother of the Grand Dukes Vladimir and Paul died last month at his Paris residence, at the age of 53. He had been ill only about a week.

During the last three years since the destruction of the Russian fleet in the Far East the Grand Duke Alexis had spent almost his entire time in Paris. His father, Alexander III., had insisted upon his becoming a naval officer, and soon, as supreme head of the Russian fleet with the title of Grand Admiral, he rendered important services to his brother, the Tsar Alexander II., in the organization of the navy. When the present Tsar, Nicholas II., undertook the creation of the so-called volunteer fleet, the Grand Duke Alexis took part in the negotiations for the purchase of the ships which composed it. After the naval defeats of the Russo-Japanese war, which rendered him unpopular in Russia, he asked to be relieved of the command, and henceforth devoted himself to the life which seemed best to him—namely, that of a Grand Seigneur, keenly interested in all that was going on in the world of art and fashion. He became identified with the social, literary, and artistic life of Paris. His tall and characteristically Romanoff figure was conspicuous at the first nights of all the theatres and in the smart restaurants. He was often at Cannes and Biarritz, but more often still he entertained at his house in the Avenue Gabriel the best-known writers, painters, actors, and actresses of Paris. "Stunning" was one of his passions. He was curious as to the most picturesque details of the outer boulevards. Paris still remembers the famous excursion, lasting two days and two nights, made in company with the detective Rossignol, when he visited the haunts of the Parisian Apaches. During this *tournee des grands ducs*, as it is still called, the duke was recognized at one of the Montmartre cabarets by some companions, who called him "Monsieur." Periodically he visited the President of the Republic officially and was invited to the State shooting parties at Marly and Rambouillet. He had the reputation of being a good shot, and was often invited to Bonnelles, the seat of the Duchesse d'Uzes, and the Vaux de Cernay, the estate of Baron Henri de Rothschild.

The Grand Duke Alexis was extremely popular in Paris, where his desire to be treated merely as an ordinary member of society was invariably respected. On learning of his death, President Fallieres immediately caused an expression of his sympathy to be conveyed by a member of military household to the Grand Duke Paul and the Duke George de Leuchtenberg, who were then in Paris. He telegraphed at the same time his condolences to the Tsar. The body was conveyed to St. Petersburg for burial.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before To-day. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at consignees' risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and restored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1908. [1669]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship
"GLENAVON,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at THEIR RISK into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where such consignments will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1908. [1671]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 24th Dec., will be subject to rent.

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 HAIN FUNG, Chinese str., 1,368, H. Mokinson, 21st Dec.—Taku 15th and Chofoo 16th Dec., General—Chinese.
 JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., 623, Hansen, 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.
 KIANGTUNG, Chinese str., 21st Dec.—Canton.
 KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., 1,147, N. Matheson, 21st Dec.—Molokai 25th Nov., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
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 PUGLIA, Italian cruiser, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec.
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	BUELOW	Ger. str.	1	H. Formes	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, &c.	PRINZESS ALICE	Ger. str.	1	G. Rott	Messageries Maritimes	On 30th inst., at Noon.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aus. str.	1	Nitsche	Messageries Maritimes	On 10th March.
NEW YORK	LENNOX	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 24th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON via SUEZ PORTS.	SIRIA	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-day.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	INDRAWADI	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, &c.	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 19th Jan.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	1	Williams	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Jan., at 7 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	TOKA MARU	Jap. str.	1	T. L. Harrison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	K. Kawara	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	INVERIC	Brit. str.	1	J. Boyd	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PAINE WILDEMAR	Ger. str.	1	L. Dawson	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 14th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	NIRO MARU	Jap. str.	1	A. E. Moos	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1	F. Iske	Messageries Maritimes	On 24th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	K. Matheson	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st inst., at 5 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	SAKUYI MARU	Jap. str.	1	K. Hommy	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TIKINI	Dut. str.	1	H. Koops	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
JAPAN	TOKIN	Brit. str.	1	Charbonnel	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YETOFU MARU	Jap. str.	1	K. Sato	Messageries Maritimes	About 21st inst.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	BUYU MARU	Jap. str.	1	Y. Fuzuno	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	TUNGSHING	Brit. str.	1	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	Brit. str.	1	C. L. Daniel	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	Brit. str.	1	V. McClymont-Liddell	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 24th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	1	T. Arthur	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	1	A. Stewart	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	ARATON APCAR	Brit. str.	1	E. Malchow	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	P. E. FERDINAND	Ger. str.	1	E. Malchow	Messageries Maritimes	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	VEDD	Dut. str.	1	Block	Messageries Maritimes	On 11th Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ADALUBIA	Ger. str.	1	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	1	de Brouwers	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 17th Jan.
SHANGHAI	TIKINI	Dut. str.	1	S. Atsumi	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
TAKAO (DIRECT)	FUKUO MARU	Jap. str.	1	Ijishi	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at D'light
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	SHOBU MARU	Jap. str.	1	I. Sakurai	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 8 a.m.
TAMUI via SWATOW & AMOY	KUENANG	Brit. str.	1	H. A. Wall	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 23rd inst., at 8 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	FOUCHING	Brit. str.	1	G. H. Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	HAICHING	Brit. str.	1	Pennamore	DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	1	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SWATOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	1	Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAIRDALE & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW	HAICHING	Brit. str.	1	Jameson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th inst., at Noon.
HAINAN	TAMING	Brit. str.	1	A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 10 a.m.
MANILA	YUNSHANG	Brit. str.	1	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 24th inst., at 4 p.m.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	1	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1	A. W. Underbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst., at 3 p.m.
MANILA	ZAFRO	Brit. str.	1	E. Hodger	SHEWAN TOMES & Co.	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	1	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst., at 4 p.m.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BOHRO	Brit. str.	1	M. B. Lake	Messageries Maritimes	On 29th inst., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	TAKESAKI MARU	Jap. str.	1	E. J. Todd	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NANSANG	Brit. str.	1	Pand r...	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 29th inst., at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	1		JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TIPIANAS	Dut. str.	1		JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINES.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
KUDAT & SANDAKAN ...	"BORNEO" Capt. F. SEMBELL	Tuesday, 29th Dec., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIER, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	"BUELOW" Capt. H. FORMES	Wedday, 30th Dec., at Noon.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE...	"PRINZ WALDEMAR" Capt. F. ISKE	Thursday, 31st Dec., at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH" Capt. E. MALCHOW	About Thursday, 31st December.

For further Particulars, apply to

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 Hongkong, 21st December, 1908.

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Steamers.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
INVERIC	4,789	J. Boyd	On 14th January, 09
BOVERIC	4,446	Mathie	On 11th Febr., 09
SUVERIC	6,235	W. Shotton	On 11th March, 09

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 via SUEZ CANAL.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN
 via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel	About 21st Dec.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"DUMBEA" Capt. Boyer	On 22nd Dec., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"SYDNEY" Capt. Henrie	On 4th Jan., p.m.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"ERNEST SIMONS" Capt. Girard	On 5th Jan., 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"POLYNESIE" Capt. Broc	On 18th Jan., p.m.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"TONKIN" Capt. Charbonnel	On 19th Jan., 1 p.m.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS. (Subject to Alteration.)	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG	ARRIVE VANCOUVER
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SAUNDAY, 16th Jan.	5th Febr. 09
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th Febr.	5th March 09
"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	TUESDAY, 2nd March	26th March 09
"EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 13th March	2nd April 09
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, 10th April	30th April 09
"EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	SATURDAY, 1st May	22nd May 09

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 Captain B. W. H. Snow, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 26th December, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "MONGOLIA," 9,500 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tees for London (under arrangement) will transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed by Bombay by the R.M.S. "MARMORA" due in London on the 6th February, 1909.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to
 E. HEWETT,
 Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 14th December, 1908. [1]

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THE Steamship

"INDRAWADI."
 Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1909.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SUNDA Capt. G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	4 P.M., 22nd Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE Capt. C. L. Daniel	About 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA Capt. B. W. H. Snow	Noon, 26th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	On 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.

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E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HAIPHONG	"SINGAN"	On 22nd Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 22nd Dec., 3 P.M.
AMOI and SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"TAIYUAN"	On 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
AMOI, MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	On 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"DEAN"	On 25th Dec., 3 P.M.

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FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	"BUJUN MARU" Capt. Y. FUSENO	WED. DAY, 23rd Dec., at 8 A.M.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOI	"SHOSHU MARU" Capt. J. ICHI	WED. DAY, 23rd Dec., at 8 A.M.
TAKAO (Direct)	"SHIBETORO MARU" Capt. S. ATSUMI	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Daylight.
TAMSOI VIA SWATOW & AMOI	"DAIJIN MARU" Capt. I. SAKURAI	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at 8 A.M.

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T. ARIMA, Manager

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"HAICHING" Capt. Passmore	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	TUESDAY, Dec., 22nd at Noon.
"HAIMUN" Capt. Evans	SWATOW	WED. DAY, 23rd Dec., at 10 A.M.
"HAIYANG" Capt. A. E. Hodgins	SWATOW, AMOI & FOCHOW	FRIDAY, 25th Dec., at Noon.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908.

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INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	NAMSANG	Tuesday, 22nd Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	TUNGSHING	Wed. day 23rd Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	KOONSHING	Thursday, 24th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Thursday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAI, WEI HAIWEI, CHERPOO & CHINGWANTAO	CHEONGSHING	Saturday, 26th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	FOOSHING	Saturday, 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Thursday, 29th Dec., Noon.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Thursday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KORE & MOJI	FOOKSANG	Monday, 11th Jan., Noon 09

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908.

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ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	On 2nd Jan., Noon, 09

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1908.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	WAKASA MARU Capt. N. Nielsen	5265	WED. DAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and YOKOHAMA	SADO MARU Capt. Geo. Anderson	6227	WED. DAY, 6th Jan., 09 at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TOSA MARU Capt. T. L. Harrison	5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	SHINANO MARU Capt. K. Kawa	6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., 09 at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MIKKO MARU Capt. A. H. Moss	5539	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	YETOROFU MARU Capt. K. Sato	3949	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
	KUMANO MARU Capt. N. Mathieson	5076	WED. DAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6112	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at Daylight
	TAKASAKI MARU Capt. A. Mooker	4370	WED. DAY, 30th Dec., at Daylight

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1908.

T. KUSUMOTO,
MANAGER.

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EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK & SHANGHAI. RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD., ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOK. SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LD. GOTHENBURG.

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., 09
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	Middle of Jan., 09

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